



Ready, Set, Grow!

Governor's Office of Minority Affairs launches new initiative to assist small and minority-owned businesses

The Governor's Office of Minority Affairs is helping small, minority-and women business owners compete for State contracting opportunities with the launch of a new live workshop series entitled **Ready, Set Grow!** on Tuesday, March 24 at 10 am in the McKeldin Library at the University of Maryland in College Park.

"Public procurement can be tough to navigate," stated Jimmy Rhee, Special Secretary of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs (GOMA). "We want to help small and micro businesses master the skills necessary to compete with confidence as they go after prime and subcontracting opportunities with the State."

The two hour workshop will include information about certification in the State's Minority Business Enterprise Program, vendor enrollment in the Small Business Reserve Program, where to find procurement opportunities within the 70 participating agencies and tips on how to navigate the procurement process.

A unique element of the Ready, Set, Grow! workshop will be the inclusion of procurement officers discussing specific opportunities that are currently available at their agency. Several buyers from the University of Maryland will be on-hand to discuss upcoming bid opportunities across the university.

There is no cost to attend the Ready, Set, Grow! workshop being held on March 24 at McKeldin Library (6th Floor) on the University of Maryland campus in College Park beginning at 10 a.m. Advance registration is required and space is limited.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

GOMA is Maryland's primary advocate for small, minority- and women-owned firms seeking to perform on state-funded contracts. The agency will conduct a Ready, Set, Grow! workshop each month at locations around the State. For information about future events, follow us on Twitter at info-@MDGOMA, hashtag #ReadySetGrow.